GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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ENERGY CONSERVATION BILL
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce `Energy Conservation Bill` in the House to legally empower theconcerned consumers which indulge in misuse of power;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made in this regard so far; and

(d) the time by which the said Bill would be presented in Parliament?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : The Energy Conservation Bill, 2000 has already been introduced in the Lok Sabha on the 24th February, 2000. The Bill seeks to provide for efficient use of energy and its conservation in all sectors of economy including commercial and domestic users. The Bill inter alia provides for the following:-

(i) the Central Government shall -

(a) lay down energy consumption standards for any equipment or appliances, consuming, generating, transmitting or supplying energy and prohibit manufacture, sale or purchase of such equipment or appliances unless they conform to energy consumption standards;

(b) enforce a scheme for compulsory affixing of labels on specified equipment and appliances;

(c) notify industries, establishments or any user or class of users of energy, building complex, as designated consumers having regard to intensity or quantity of use of energy;

(ii) Energy audit by an accredited auditors shall be mandatory for all designated consumers.

(iii) Energy managers with prescribed qualifications, would consumers. Such designated consumers would also be required to furnish returns of energy consumed and action taken on the recommendations of the accredited energy auditors in the prescribed period and manner.

(iv) Empower the State Governments to notify Energy Conservation Building Codes. The codes could be amended to suit local climatic conditions and other compelling factors. The designated building complexes shall implement the Energy Conservation Building Codes, get energy audit conducted by an accredited auditor, appoint energy manager, etc.

Penalty in monetary terms could be imposed for non-compliance of the above provisions.